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TAGS: BTIO, BENC, PP  
SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT - FISHING BOATS

1. EMBOFF HELD A RECENT DISCUSSION WITH ADB FISHING EXPERT UNDERTAKING FEASIBILITY STUDY ON MAJOR FISHERIES PROJECT IN PNG. ADB IS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING A \$24 MILLION PROJECT TO DEVELOP A TUNA FISHING COMPANY ON THE ISLAND OF MANUS, PNG. FOREIGN EXCHANGE COST OF PROJECT IS US\$15 MILLION. PROJECT WILL REQUIRE PURCHASE OF TWO 150 GROSS TON STEEL HULL PURSE SEINERS, EIGHT 60 GROSS TON POLE AND LINE TUNA BOATS AND TWO 60 GROSS TON BARGES TO CARRY ICE AND FISH. IN ADDITION, APPROXIMATELY \$1 MILLION OF REFRIGERATION EQUIPMENT FOR FREEZING AND COLD STORAGE OF FISH WILL BE NEEDED. ALSO SHIP LIFT DRY DOCK FACILITY.

2. THE PROJECT WILL ALSO INVOLVE SMALL BOATS WHICH WILL REQUIRE 200 SMALL INBOARD CANOE ENGINES AND FISHING GEAR.

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3. THE PROJECT IS STILL TENTATIVE AND REQUIRES FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT. IT IS UNLIKELY ANY TENDERS WILL BE ISSUED FOR AT LEAST A YEAR. NEVERTHELESS, SHOULD ANY SHIP BUILDERS BE IN THE AREA, A VISIT MIGHT BE WORTHWHILE TO MAKE INITIAL CONTACT AND FIND LOCAL AGENT. AS PROJECT DEVELOPS FURTHER, INFORMATION MAY BE AVAILABLE FROM PETER WILSON, DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES, GPNG AND THE

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